## FIGHTING THEM OVER.

What Our Veterans Have to Say About Their Old Campaigns.

BRANDY STATION.

The Story of the Fight Told by a Vermont Caval-

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Brandy Station seems to be the favorite theme of several of the comrades, but so far I have not see any account that agrees with the affair from my stop awhile; then up and they at us, and we lowa. would make tracks back the same way we actions that the fight at Brandy Station oceurred, Oct. 11, 1863.

eral days a movement of the enemy was noticed by us. The evening of Oct. 10 everything with us was made ready for a move.

Early in the morning of the 11th the entire division was mounted and placed in position. The army of Gen. Lee was advancing, and the battle would be fought near Culpeper. I was points, so they could readily see the enemy. The last videt was placed near Gen. Kilpstrick's headquarters. The men on videt were instructed to keep sharp look out for the enemy, and as soon as the outside man saw them approaching, he was to walk his horse in a dirto the next videt. Each man was to make the pear the enemy was.

To pass away the time some of Gen. Kilpatwas chosen, and a mile was marked off down line to assist us. We were out of ammunition. the road leading to the advancing enemy. The | Gen. Curtis rode along the line, raised his hat, word "Go" given. Gen. Kilpatrick's horse, "Spot," was one of the racers. Away went the horses on the jump. It looked like a charge on the enemy, and I have no doubt they thought it was for a moment, as they were in stars began to peep. plain sight and not over two miles away. The mile post reached a stop was made, and all returned and decided that "Spot" had won the

Not many minutes after this we formed in line of battle, exchanged a few shots, and then some more fight. Just at daylight, while slowly began falling back. At every good posi- slinging my knapsack, I heard the order given tion we would halt and face about, the artil- to vacate the building, as it was in range of the lery take position and open on the advancing enemy's artillery. As I reached the road Gen. enemy. Sometimes we would hold our posi-If the enemy had no desire to drive us.

ing in check a very much larger body of in- army. fantry. Little did we dream of the trap they were slowly springing on us.

Now we hear artillery firing on our left flank gins to dawn on us. The enemy advances in and Bulord near Brandy Station. A shadow passes over the faces of langhing, joking soldiers. The enemy in our front begins to press us. We are making quite lively time now-a good fast walk, but no panic, every troop in | No One Regiment Can Claim the Honor of Being perfect order, but anxious.

A short distance, and directly in our road, we see a column of calvary in line. Is that the enemy? A look through a glass quickly decides yes. I hear the whisper running through the Panks. "Cut off." Yes, it is too true; we are cut off. | all will agree to be first-class. I copy the fol-It seems for a moment as if a stampede were fowing from the Richmond Whig of April 5, unavoidable. But we hear the voice of Gen. 1865: Kilpatrick giving orders: "Form squadron fours! Buttery in center. 1st Vt., rightflank; take position across the railroad."

Gen. Kiipatrick places himself at the head of the division, his beadquarters hand behind him. He orders it to play "Yankee Doodie." Then the order, "Draw saber-Forward!"

we see a white puff of smoke, and a shell comes crashing into our ranks, quickly followed by others. Thicker and faster they come, every one bringing death to horses and men. We can the nothing but watch the smoke and dodge. We are near the cavalry line. "Open center-

Artillery, fire!" Ha! Johnny, take that. "Forward-Charge !"

is broken, we pass through and quickly form | Learning that Capt. Kelley was living some and tace about. The enemy's cavalry charge | four miles from this city, I called upon him the us, and we meet it with a counter-charge. Back other day and asked him in regard to this again, then charge over and over.

All the time until now the enemy's batteries

charge, and we are ordered to fall back, he was a rebel or one of our boys I am unable ing, examined the enemy's lines through his when we cross the Rappahannock River and go | to say." into camp. Here we give a glad blessing on Gens. Buford and Gregg and their gallant divis- plied: ions for the stubborn fight they maintained during the day, holding the enemy's infantry in check so it could not get up in time to "bag" our division, as was intended .- S. A. CLARK. Lieutenant, Co. F, 1st Vt. Cav., Holabird, D. T.

FORT BLAKELY.

Comrade Smith, of the 27th Iona, Takes Another Inning.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Please allow me a little space to reply to H. J. Conover's comments on my article on the fight and capture of Fort Blakely, and also to V. F. Biddleman, as to Gen. A. J. Smith's command not taking any part in that fight. Now, the 27th and 32d lows, 58th 1st, and, I think, the 178th N. Y., 89th Ind. and 3d Ind. battery comprised the Second Brigade, Second Division, Sixteenth Corps. A. J. Smith's command. The Second Brigade was commanded by Gen. James I. Gilbert, and the Second Division by Gen. Garrard; and let me inform Comrade Biddleman that Gen, Garrard commanded a division in the Sixteenth Corps long before the Binkely fight -not a brigade, as he says, and not in the Thirteenth Corps.

I will quote from my diary, which either of

Monday, April 2, '65,-Orders to move at once, We march about six miles and form line in front of Fort Blakely not Spanish Fort 5 p. m. I am on skirmtch line. Under heavy fire we drive the tery remaining behind on higher ground. rebel pickets very near their works. April 8, 8 n. m .- Rebels shell our camp. George a heavy thunderstorm burst upon us, and the

W. Hilling, of our company (C), wounded in foot by fragment of shell. Nine a. m. I go on skirmishline. Red-bot shelling on both sides all day. April 9.8 a. m. Still in the ditches, Used so minutes. The rush and patter of the rain-

Division, and perhaps a part of the Second, of | nessed it.

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PEA RIDGE.

Gen. Curtis flad No Idea of Surrendering There. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: In a recent issue Albert W. Mackey, Seneca, Kan., says he Curtis wanted to surrender at Pea Ridge, and that Gan, Sigel ordered him not to give up. The writer thinks this is a mistake,

Well, I should judge the writer is about correct. The right of Curtis's army on March 3, bumiliation it ever received. Now, I belonged Gen. Sigel, and was composed of three divis- vision, Twenty-third Corps, and I assert withions. The left lay at Cross Hollows-one di-Brigade-4th Iowa, 35th Ill., 25th Mo., one battalion 3d Ill. Cav., and 1st lowa battery, close of the war. commanded by Col. G. M. Dodge, of 4th Iowa; point of view. The history of the Army of the Second Brigade-9th Iowa, Col. Phelps's Mis-Potomac is familiar to all. It was "up and at | souri regiment of six-months men, one battalthem, boys," and away we would go up the lon 3d III. Cav., and the Dubeque lows battery. Franklin fight we were called in and ordered to strong, and I suppose made quite an imposing Virginia Valley; then halt, make coffee, and | commanded by Col. VanDever, and the 9th

On the night of March 5 we fell back 12 miles, came. It was during one of those back-track | to the north bank of Sugar Creek, about two miles south of Elk Horn Tavern, where we erected fortifications on the naturally-strong A portion of the Army of the Potomac had position overlooking Sagar Creek Valley. We been camping near Culpeper, Va. Kilpatrick's | could hear the sound of Sigel's cannon all the Division of Cavalry was picketing a few miles | alternoon, as he retreated to a position on in front of the army at that point. For sev- Carr's right. The enemy, knowing every bridle-path in the hills, during the night of the 6th passed entirely around the right wing, and we started back, as we supposed, on a hurried

At Elk Horn Tavern we turned sharply to idea of the rank and file seemed to be that a the cast, and in less then bait a mile we formed cle; as they advanced to increase his speed to of the field the contending forces were about by Gen. Wagner disobeying a positive order, that engagement anyway; but all that was a trot, and so on to a gallop, and then fell back equal. Before sunset victory was with Sigel. Had be retired as directed Hood would never | done was done by the 3d battalion of the 4th same movement his commide in front did, so cut. It withstood Price's old Missouri army, did; his men would never have reached the Grant's army as it wended its way through that at headquarters they could tell just how computed at 15,000. We were constantly crowded back, until just at suuset a retreat was ordered, and on coming out of the timrick's staff officers and others proposed a horse- ber into a field there was a glorious sight.

> "Men, Iowa never fails! About face! Fix bayonets! Forward-March!" We returned into the woods and fired the last

which was the next log farmbonse south of the | Ohio, Streator, Ill. Etk Hora. I examined my wounds during the night, and concluded that I could stand Curtis and staff rode up to Gen. Sigel, and I

little more than half. The 4th Iowa went into and rear-" Warren at Bristoe." A light be- battle with 535 men. Co. B, numbering a fact that the 11th Ind. and 29th Wis. joined, about 50 men, was detached and on the skirforce, and we begin to fall back, keeping our mish-line mentioned above, and suffered no line of battle, only facing the rear, Listen! loss. The other nine companies lost 106 killed Artillery firing on our right flank and sand wounded. Co. A went into action with 35 rear, and not so very distant. It is Gregg | men and lost 13 killed and wounded .- J. M. BOWMAN, Co. A, 4th Iowa, Chetopa, Kan.

> ENTERING RICHMOND. the First.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: As there is some controversy in regard to the first troops to enter Richmond, allow me to call your readers' attention to a piece of evidence that I think around us? Maj. Swigart gives our division

Capt. Warren M. Kelley, 10th N. H., was in command of the skirmish-line of the Second Brigade, commanded by Col. Donohoe, 10th N. H., Third Division. Twenty-fourth Corps, which was the first organized body of troops to enter the city, under the direction of Lieut. Col. Barnberger, 5th Md., Division Officer of the Day, and Maj. J. C. Brooks, We are nearing Brandy Station. On our right, not a mile away, we see artillery and infantry coming into position on the run. Now we see a white puff of smoke, and a shell comes We are on the trot, and feel more interest in the force that is now trying to head us off in Hat N. Y.; Second Lieut, P. V. N. McLean, 118th N. Y.; Second Lieut, Howard, 96th N. Y. Capt. Kelley advanced his line of skirmisher through several of the streets of the city and halted in front of Jeff, Davis's mansion; and by direction of the staff officers above mentioned divided his Forward—Charge?"
On sweeps the division, the enemy's cavalry relieved by the arrival of other troops.

matter. The old hero replied:

"I cannot say as to that. I had but one, and

put that up at the "Rockets. ' posed of a detachment from all of the above- fire on them, named regiments, and amounted to something over 200 men, Perhaps this explains how so himself sighted at least one if not all three of first to enter the rebel Capital. Capt. Kelley the shots, and I heard him say, "That struck would like to correspond with all of the living right among them," and after the firing ceased members of the skirmish-line on that historic | he said the officer in blue had disappeared. morning, and he would like to hold a Reunion with them sometime in the near future. His ad-

About a Rainbow.

march of the army under Gen. Rosecrans from the gentlemen can see by calling on me, and 110th Lil., and two pieces of artillery. We was ordered forward down the slope, the bat-Just as we were forming our lines for battle

rain came down in great quantities. This continued during the fight, which lasted about 30

the Sixteenth Corps, were at Spanish Fort. | Soon the enemy stopped firing, and was seen The Second Brigade was not there at all, but | to be in full retreat. The rain ceased to fall, was all through the siege, assault and capture | and the scene changed from tumuit and fear to of Fort Blakely, as stated in my acticle of one of the most brilliant and sublime we had \* April last. Again, the comrade is mistaken as | ever beheld. The sun came out in all its glory to Blakely being the last battle of the war. On low down in the west, and a brilliant double May 13, at Palmetto Ranch, Tex., the 34th Ind., rainbow was formed directly spanning the ene. | Sanders Wharf, Fia.; J. McVay, Co. A. 6th 62d U. S. Col'd and 2d Tex. Cav. fought the my's line of retreat. The vanishing lines of Tenn. Cav., Bolivar, Tenn.; James McCabe, Co. last battle; Union loss, 118 killed and wound. gray could still be seen in full flight toward | G. 81st Ill., Guntown; R. M. McBride, Co. C. ed .- ELLIGIT V. SMITH, Co. C, 27th Iowa, the dark background, while we stood, victors, 55th Pa., Drury's Bluff; A. Spitzmesser, Co. K, admiring nature's leveliness. Lieut. Ford, who commanded the company to which the writer belonged, made the remark that it was a sign of victory for the Union arms.-PHILIP DINES, Co. B. 41st Ohio, Fullertown, O.

Hood's Sarsaparilla possesses peculiar curative

FRANKLIN.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: In reading the many and varied accounts of the battle of has been told by an Iowa soldier that Gen. Franklin there is so much said about the Fourth Corps that I sometimes think I was not there. third Corps would have been saved the only out fear of contradiction that neither the

The Observations of a 50th Ohio Man.

I, with others, was on the skirmish-line at takes to relate the circumstance we were called Hardee's on the other. It is needless to say fire a gun. that we moved on without a second order.

and Curtis's army, which was but 13,000 strong. as many of Hood's men came over the works of men I ever saw. Sigel's immediate command, and on that part | seeming confusion at this point was all caused | the land forces did not cut much of a figure in

works, much less climbed over them. for duty at Nashville. There we were consoli- guns, and Gen. Tilghman. dated with the 99th Ohio. I hope the com-

CHAMPION HILLS.

Some Things a Comrade Would Like to Understand, jor is wrong, but I am not able to rectify it, and

This much I do know, however : Gen. Hovey gave the honor of capturing the 6th Miss. battery to the 11th Ind. and 29th Wis., and to our regiment the honor of capturing a two-gun battery. Now the query is, was the 6th Miss. battery part in one place and part in another, with the two-gun battery between them, or did one of the regiments making the capture run five batteries. Is this correct? Lieut. Green, in writing the history of the Army of the Mississippi, gives us the 1st Wis., 16th Ohio, 2d Ohio and 1st Mo. batteries, no mention being made of the 1st Mich., and Gen. Hovey stated that he had only 23 guns to play on the enemy lis, or Gen. Alvin P. Hovey, of Mount Vernon, Ind., could settle this matter, and I have no doubt that either or both of them could be induced to write an article on the subject. Maj. Swigart makes mention of his Captain being on the skirmish-line that morning. I have always been under the impression that Cos. I and Copened the ball that morning. Who is mistaken? In conclusion, I will say, by way of answer to Comrade R. M. Diehl, that Crocker's Division came to our support at the time we were forced back to the first hill, and was not thrown in between Hovey and Logan.-R. H. MARTIN, Sergt., Co. I, 46th Ind., Delphos, O.

GEN. POLK.

Why a 66th Ohio Comrade Thinks Knapp's Battery Killed Him.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I think Com-"No regiment can claim the honor of being | rade Daniel Sims is right in his claim that it on our flank have been shelling us with fright- the first troops in Richmond. On the evening was a shot from Knapp's battery that killed ful effect. We are now out of their range. of April 2 I was detailed by Gen. Devens to Gen. Polk. At the time my regiment-the After charges and counter-charges we do not take charge of the skirmish-line. About 3 | 66th Ohio-lay in reserve a few rods in rear of yet know whether we are out of the trap or o'clock on the morning of the 3d, hearing a the breastworks where Knapp's battery was march that seven miles in one hour and 15 First Lieut. Rockwell, Second Lieut. Horton, Jeff Davis. He thinks Comrade Kent not. We are badly scattered and cut up, yet rumbling in Richmond, as of the movement of stationed. I was standing near the battery we form and hold our ground, when an Aid an army, I advanced my line, and finding no looking across at the Confederate lines on the comes dashing up and says, "Buford holds the opposition I kept on until I entered the city | hill, when Gen. Geary, our division commander, before it was fairly light. I saw no troops of | -Second Division, Twentieth Corps-rode up. Thou we give one glad hurrah. Another any kind except one cavalryman, but whether attended by a single Orderly, and, dismountfieldglass. He called the attention of the officer When asked who raised the first flag, he re- in command of the battery to a party of Confederate officers on the hill, apparently reconnoitering our lines, and said there was one dressed in blue, who seemed to be the principal Captain Kelley says his command was com- man of the party, and directed the battery to

There were three shots fired, and Gen. Geary many regiments claim the honor of being the | the guns. The General watched the effect of

I don't think there was any artillery firing along our lines at the time until Gen. Geary dress is Warren M, Kelley, Martins, N. H .- H. ordered these three shots fired. I saw the L. ROBINSON, Co. G, 8th N. H., 7 Hanover street, General's little French Orderly the next day, and he said: "Ze zequend shot we fired yesterday killed ze rebel General Po-olk." As to the statement of Comrade Grimshaw,

52d Ohio, that the Third Brigade, Second Di-EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: During the vision, Fourteenth Corps, crossed Peach Tree ing with the great battle of Stone River. Dur- the Second Division, Twentieth Corps, crossed ing these days of marching and fighting Gen. on the 19th. The First Brigade, to which my Hazen's Brigade, of Palmer's Division, was regiment belonged, crossed then, I know, for I sent down the Jefferson pike to seize and hold | was on picket that afternoon and night, and the bridge over Stewart's Creek. This force on the skirmish-line the 20th until a short consisted of the 41st Ohio, 9th Ind., 6th Ky., | time before the enemy charged us. The only which, I think, will show proof enough of hav- found the enemy's cavalry posted just be- line, where a half dozen or so of Johnnies "hard fighting" I heard was on the skirmishyoud the bridge, and they immediately began | saluted me with a volley on my indiscreetly firing upon us at long range. Our infantry exposing myself .- P. MITCHELL, Co. D, 66th Ohio, Collinwood, O.

Seeking Lost Comrades.

Guntowo; H. Lockwood, Co. B, 17th Iowa, Phelps, Co. F, 185th N. Y., McGrawville, N.Y. Ill. Cav., Athens, Ga.; G. F. Search, Co. C, 4th

DONELSON AND HENRY.

Something About the Services of the 4th Ill. Cav. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: E. T. Lee, in his article on Fort Donelson, wonders why the rebels did not strike out for Nashville on the morning of the 15th of February after our in-Comrade James Barr says that had Opdycke's fantry lines had been broken, as the way seemed brave fellows been in the front the Twenty- clear. He says Gen. McClernand said he had posted two companies of the 2d Ill. Cav. on the road, and thinks perhaps that frightened 1862, was at Bentonville, Ark., commanded by to Co. F. 50th Ohio, Third Brigade, Second Di- them back. I don't know how that was, but I know that the 4th Ill, Cav. was camped at Randolph Forges the night of the 14th. These vision, commanded by Col. Carr. 3d Ili. Cav. Twenty-third Corps nor any part of it was "hu- forges, I think, were on the Nashville road, and This division was composed as follows: First | miliated" there or anywhere else, from the the back water from the Cumberland came up time of its organization as a Corps until the | to that point, about two miles from Fort Donel-

On our way back to the fort the next morn-Duck River, and we were left there when the | ing we met a force of rebel infantry. It was in army retreated. The night previous to the a defile between two hills. We were 1,200 proceed as rapidly as possible on the pike in the appearance. The rebels halted; so did we. lirection of Franklin. We arrived at Spring | They did not offer to fight; neither did we. Hill about 2 p. m. and were ordered to lie down | They fell back and we followed them till Lew and rest till morning; but in less time than it | Wallace got around them, when we di-mounted and fell in to support the infantry. I have alout and told that we were in the midst of the | ways thought that our presence in their way rebel army-Cheatham's Corps on one side and prevented their escape, although we did not

I was Orderly for the Medical Director on We passed through Wagner's outlying bri- the 16th, the day of the surrender, and my gades on our way to Franklin, and when we ar- duties took me to all the hospitals and over the rived there I inquired for my regiment, and I | most of the battlefield. Such sights as I saw at 8 a. m. on the 7th the long roll sounded and found that it was immediately on the left of that day I shall never forget-men mangled the Columbia pike. The 100th Ohio was on its | in all manner of shape, piles of feet, arms and right, with a section of artillery in the pike | legs thrown up in one corner of the room, and without protection. Gen. Wagner had positive burial parties burying the dead. I saw 36 of orders to retire in good order, get inside the the 31st Ill. buried in one grave. I saw Gens. line of battle and the ball opened. Curtis's works, and be ready to receive Hood; but he Buckner and Johnson and the rebel prisoners as detailed in command of a telegraph picket, army had simply about faced and found the remained too long, and was driven pell-mell | they filed out of the fort to take the boat for My instructions were to place men on the high | enemy, 25,000 strong, between us and our base | over our works. I am safe in saying that just | the North. They were the hardest-looking set There was a space of about two miles held at that point as there were of the Union men. Now I wish to say a word about Fort Henry. only by a skirmish-line between Sigel's com- Our orders were not to fire, as we would kill Historians have not given the 4th Ill. Cav. the mand and Carr's. Carr's Division numbered | Wagner's men. I never fired a shot until the | credit that is due for the part it took in that

2.500 men. The rest of the army was under Johnnies began to come over the works. The engagement. Of course it is well known that But with Carr's little division it was differ- have had the success at that point which he Hl. Cav. The 4th Hl. Cav. had the lead of back waters and bayous and over almost im-I can explain how so many claim position on | passable roads to get in the rear of Fort Henry the left of the pike, at the cotton-gin. That to assist Commodore Foote in its capture. But was when Wagner's Brigade came over. I | Foote opened on the fort a little too soon, for race. "No sooner said than done." A judge Two Indiana regiments-8th and 22d-stood in think there were men from a dozen different the fort surrendered in an hour and 15 minutes regiments at the cotton-gin, but I claim that | after the first gun was fired, and the land forces the 50th Ohio was the original regiment there, hadn't got around the fort yet; so the rebels bets were made, the money put up and the and with considerable feeling in his tones said : and we suffered heavy loss. Out of 264 men all skedaddled for Fort Donelson, excepting the with whom we went into action, 81 reported | company of heavy artillery that manned the

As soon as it was discovered that the rebels shot from our artillery that evening just as the | rades will not "fly up." I never came as near | had left, the 3d battalion of the 4th Cav., under losing my life as I did that night; not by Maj. McCullough, started in pursuit. It was a Having been wounded three time I was Hood's men, but by being tramped to death by complete rout. The road was strewn with urged by a comrade to go to the Hospital, Wagner's men. -J. H. TAGGART, Co. F, 50th knapsacks, blankets, overcoats, etc. We gave up the pursuit when night overtook us, having killed 16 men and taken 41 prisoners, including one Major and a Captain, and a battery of seven pieces. We had one man killed. History gives the credit of taking those guns to some Michigan battery, I think. All they had to do EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Maj. Swigart, to take the guns was to go out and bring them in writing of the part taken by the old into Fort Heury. We met the battery boys, tion awhile and again retire with a few shots, heard Curtis ask Sigel if he had his command Twelfth Division in the battle of Champion with their horses, going out after the guns as After passing through Culpeper it seemed as all in readiness. Sigel answered in the affirma- Hills, says: "Our brigade was formed from we were returning after dark. They asked the tive, and I heard Curtis give further instruc- right to left, as follows: 24th and 34th Ind., Major to furnish an escort. This the Major re-We held a position here some time, with now tions and ride off in one direction, while Sige! 29th Wis. and 11th Ind. The fused to do, as we had been in the saddle since and then a little artillery practice. We went in another. As terrific cannonading as I Second Brigade was on our left, but I do early dawn, and horses and men were very thought surely on the next rise we would meet ever heard for the number of pieces engaged not know just how it was deployed." Now, much fatigued; but said that if any of us had a our infantry, and then the work of death would went on from about 8.30 to 10:30 a. m. Then I would like to ask the Major if he is positive mind to volunteer we could do so. There was begin. Up to this time we thought our divis- there came a inil, at length a solitary cannon, that he knows how the First Brigade was about a dozen of us volunteered to go back with ion of cavalry was doing a grand work, hold- and then the shouts and hurrals of Curtis's formed. If his formation is the correct one, the battery boys for the guns, but they could not then I must say that it was terribly mixed be- hitch on to them owing to their disabled con-Curtis's loss in killed and wounded was 1,351. fore the battle was over. Is it not a fact that dition. I learned that they brought them in Of this loss Carr's little division suffered 701, a the 14th Ind. formed the right of our brigade, the next day. The 4th Ill. Cav. burned its first joining Gen. Logan's Division? Is it also not powder at Henry and Doneisen, and it is not for me say that we won any laurels; but the instead of our regiment being between them? fact that Gen. Grant chose Co. A for his body-I know that the formation as given by the Ma- guard before leaving Donelson, and soon after placed Col. T. Lyle Dickey (our Colonel) on so will leave it, hoping some one in a position his staff as Chief of Cavalry, is complimentary. to know all the facts will straighten the tangle -P. O. Ayeny, Co. I, 4th Ill. Cav., Humboldt.

> THE 114th NEW YORK At the Battles of Pleasant Hill and Sabine Cross-

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Comrade G. M. Hensey says: "At the battle of Pleasant Hill, La., April 9, 1864, Dwight's Brigade, Nineteenth Corps, gave way and permitted the enemy to pass around Col. Shaw's flank and gain his rear." The comrade I know is mistaken, for Dwight's Brigade never fell back that day. My regiment-the 114th N. Y .- belonged to the brigade and was the left regiment. Some troops on our left fell back, and Gen. Dwight ordered Maj. Curtiss in person to change his front to the left, so as to protect the left of the brigade. The regiment lost three men killed while making the change. There were some of the Sixteenth Corps in our front when the battle began, but they soon fell back through our lines. The comrade is very much mistaken when he says Dwight's Brigade gave way. We held very nearly the same position when the battle was over that we occupied when it began. The New York Herald, in giving an account of the battle, said: "The enemy made seven distinct charges on Gen. Dwight's lines, and the 114th, 116th and 153d

New York repulsed them every time." D. H. Prater, Co. D. 130th Ill., in the same paper says the First and Second Brigades, Fourth Division, Thirteenth Corps, fought the battle of Sabine Crossroads April 8, 1864. I troops came to their assistance just before sunready to march in 10 minutes, and we did cavalry and infantry were getting out as fast as possible. We formed line under the most trying circumstances. The cavalry and Thirteenth Corps were rushing through our ranks, and the men had to dodge to keep from being trampled under the horses' feet. We formed our lines, and when the enemy came we sent them back faster than they advanced, and held our ground. until after dark, when we fell back to Pleasant Hill and finished the battle there the next day, But for the arrival of the Nineteenth Corps the 114th N. Y. was the regiment that killed Gen, Mouton. Just at dark he and his staff rode up into them, killing the General and nearly his | and confusion which would constantly arise Miller, Dak.

The 185th N. Y.

the statement of J. C. Harris, 83d Pa., that the 1873, being in poor health, he went to the Pa-185th N. Y. was in but one battle, it is a great cific Coast and engaged in mining pursuits. Creek and did hard fighting before any part of the Twentieth Corps crossed, I think he is a half its number of between 1,000 and 1,100 at the Needles, St. Bernardino Co., Cal. Nashwille to Murfreesboro, in December, 1862, the Twentieth Corps crossed, I think he is a it will be remembered that there was almost little "off," or else they crossed on the 18th or men inside of 20 minutes. The writer was constant skirmishing and fighting, terminat- the morning of the 19th; for part if not all of men inside of 20 minutes. The writer was Hampton, Va., wishes to know to what Corps wounded twice at Hatcher's Run, Oct. 27, 1864. and army the 43d Ind. belonged, and whether The engagements were: First Hatcher's Run, Oct. 27 and 28, 1864; Weldon Railroad, Dec. 6 and 12, 1864; Second Hatcher's Run, Feb. 6, 1865; Watkins's Farm, March 25, 1865; Quaker Roads, March 29, 1865; Gravelly Run, March Ill. Cav., Birmingham, Iowa, would be glad to 31, 1865; Five Forks, April 1, 1865; Church hear from any comrades who were assigned to Grove, Kan., writes of the burning of the iron-Road Crossing, April 2, 1865; Appomattox | the 53d Ill. and failed to reach the regiment, Court-house, April 9, 1865.

The 195th Pa. was in our brigade, and was in is needed to assist his widow. every battle that our regiment was in. The | S. W. Mann, Co. C, 29th Ohio, Burr Oak, Kan., 187th, 188th and 189th were in the Third Bri- | says he had a brother, Miles E. Mann, who engade, and I think were in every battle we were. listed in 1862, at 14 years age, in Co. C of some lin, of the 24th Ky. He was afterward killed The 185th was at the surrender of Lee, and lost Ohio regiment. His Captain's name was Basnear the cotton-gin at Franklin. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: In answer to | the last man killed in the Army of the Potomac. | wick or Bashwick. The regiment was in Gen. the inquiry of Comrade W. W. Jones, Baxter | Lieut. Hiram G. Clark, of Co. G, was cut in | Sigel's command in West Virginia. The boy Springs, Kau., I will answer that Gen. Stone- two by a cannon ball just as the white flag was left the Ohio regiment without leave, and Division, Twentieth Corps, that was in the adrounds last night. Four p. m. Now comes the tag drops sifting through the trees, the crack of man surrendered with a small portion of his of war our whole brigade moving out, etc.

The writer at Peach Tree Creek. The loss of the 141st N. battle of Chapin's Farm. Sept. 29, until the 9th command on Sunday afternoon, July 31, 1864. our rifles, the screech of the shells, the flashes | command on Sunday afternoon, July 31, 1864, | battle of Chapin's Farm, Sept. 29, until the 9th | Cedar Mountain in August, 1862. The writer | at Peach Tree Creek. The loss of the 141st N. We went into that charge between Gen. of lightning, the roar of big guns, and the at a point about four miles south of Clinton, of April, we were constantly under fire, either saw him last just after the battle of Antietam; Y. was very heavy. Steele's colored troops on our right and the heavy peals of thunder made a scene which and the heavy peals of thunder made a scene which lowing comrades, who were in the same mess lowing companies are considered to the same mess lower with me at Andersonville: T. E. Brown, C. C. and as the last color-bearer was either killed or George, A. T. Ives, L. Jamo, E. Williams, I. A. wounded, our brave Col. Sniper picked up Winters, Co. M, 16th Ill. Cav., captured at Jonesville, Va.: W. C. Johnson, Co. H, 16th Ill. front of the large brown house. I think J. C. In Prison Cell. Cav., Jonesville; W. H. Bowers, Co. A, 100th | Harris is giving too much praise to his own | tember, 1863, to July, 1865. Ohio, Jonesboro; G. Caruthers, Co. G. Sist Ill., regiment and none to the rest.-HENRY E.

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From Alert Comrades All Along the

Line.

Personal. Wm. F. Yeoman, Silver Creek, Neb., referring to the battle of Mechanicsville, as described by Maj. O'Brien, says it should be called the Gettysburg. The writer says that Col. Farns- 15th and 23d N. J. joined it in September, 1862. worth was promoted to Brigadier-General, and is still living. He says the one killed at Get-

former officer of that name. J. H. Howell, Co. K, 624 Ohio, Deer Creek, Minn., wishes his comrades to know how much he regrets his inability to be present at the Reunion at Rushville, O. He would be very glad to hear from any of his comrades in the 62d and 67th Ohio, 85th Pa. and 39th Ill. A. J. Blackstone, First Sergeant, Co. D, 9th Ohio Cav., Smithville, O., refers to the execution of Patrick Phalin at Lexington, N. C., in | Wilmington, N. C., in the Spring of 1865, on March, 1865. The writer was one of the de-

glad to have the name and address of the Captain of Co. D. 9th Mich. Cav., who was in command of the detail. John Leinberger, Co. H, 116th N. Y., Elk,

hear from any of them. G. W. Schachleiter, Ironton, O., says that at | Wis., 33d Mass., 55th and 73d Ohio and 136th one time when the Army of the Potomac had N. Y. orders for a forced march, the commanding officer of Co. G, 74th Pa., gave him orders to care purpose, to hear from some of these persons. Albert Childs, Burke, N. Y., solicits immediate correspondence with any officers, soldiers or

Henry Childs, Co. B, 193d N. Y. W. H. Jackson, Colterville, Ill., would be union at St. Louis.

B. H. Tripp, Lodi, Dak., wishes to correspond with any one who was at the burning of the | 78th Pa. was ever in the brigade. railroad bridge at Rappahannock Station, Va., during Pope's campaign, about Aug. 23, 1862, He would be glad to hear personally from any member of the battery who stood just above the railroad track and fired into the bridge to assist in its destruction.

Henry Harburger, Fort Scott, Kan., wishes the Winter of 1862-'63.

Simon Shoop, Thompson's Pa. battery, Se- the First Brigade, First Division, Fourteenth wickley, Pa., claims to be the only three-years | Corps. He never hears anything about it, and man who never was in a fight nor put a flag on a he sometimes wonders if there was such a bri-State-house. After having read THE NATIONAL gade, and if it did any fighting. TRIBUNE for three years he has failed to hear | H. W. Brandle, 3d Mo., Cummings, Ill., says of a similar case. He therefore thinks he ought to have a pension of at least \$2 a month for "extinguished" service.

M. E. Seamans, Co. C, 1st N. Y. Cav., Rolin, Mich., would be glad to hear from any of the army. survivors of his regiment. He says he has seen hardly one of them since the regiment was discharged July 28, 1865. The regiment served much of the time in the Shenandoah Valley. The writer joined it in May, 1863, when 15 years of age.

Lost and Found. John Moses, Sergeant, 6th N. Y. H. A., Hawleyton, N. Y., says that Mrs. J. G. Gage, of that place, has a silver badge a little larger than a half dollar, which was cut from the clothing of a Union soldier by a Virginia lady after the battle of Spottsylvania. The badge is inscribed, "Serg't C. H. Barker, Co. B, 9th N. Y. S. M. War 1861." It will be restored to his friends

on application and proof of identity. Geo. W. Chapman, Bloomington, Ill., lost his discharge papers in 1866 somewhere between Corry and Oil City, Pa. He would be glad for their return if any comrade knows anything of them. The writer omits to state to what regiment he belonged.

M. E. Robinson, Blunt, Dak., has the discharge of Hospital Steward Mueller, of Capt. Geofrey's company (D, 7th U. S. Cav.) The discharge was found in North Dakota and handed to the writer.

If Col. J. A. Stafford, of the 178th Ohio, will will receive a war relic which once belonged to | The tree spoken of was at least partially cut him, and which he would no doubt prize very down by the fire from the 26th Mich. and other

L. C. Hoagland, Balch, Mich., has a Testament which was picked up on the battlefield of Bull Run. It contains the names of J. D. Hartman and Maj. Martin G. Hale. Either of ing as above.

Information Asked and Given.

Chas. Lester, Co. F, 20th Wis., Fowler, Ill. would be glad to have the name and address wish to ask the comrade if he knows what of the physician who had charge of the sick Union soldiers at the St. Louis Hospital, in set? It is true the Nineteenth Corps did go New Orleans, Aug. 15 to Oct. 1, 1863; also the into camp seven miles back; but our camping | name and address of the physician in charge of was very short, for the order soon came to be the hospital at Springfield from Nov. 12, 1862, to Jan. 8, 1863; the whereabouts, if living, of minutes. When we got on the field the Corp'l Geo. W. Sneigh, of Co. F. 20th Wis., and of John Culver, regiment not known.

The Adjutant of Wilderness Post, No. 116, who knew Rob't Dinwiddie, Co. B, 10th Ill. 128. Cav., in 1864. This soldier was ordered to from mental derangement caused by sunstroke cavalry and the Thirteenth Corps would not | would be glad to have it removed, as he was have saved one wagon of their trains. The not responsible for his actions at the time he went home.

V. M. Foley, Cobden, Ill., asks why the let in front of the 114th, thinking we had fallen | ter "J" was omitted in lettering the companies back. When they discovered who we were he of a regiment. THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE inattempted to get out, but we poured a volley forms him that it was to avoid the mistakes entire staff .- F. M. MEAD, Co. E, 114th N. Y., from the similarity in writing the letters I

A. P. Alexander, Marion, Iowa, asks information of Capt. Sam'l B. McCall, Co. E, 3d Iowa, who after the war was a prominent citi-EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: In regard to | zen of Boone County, Iowa. About the year

who knew William Bronner. The information

A. P. Alexander, Post 206, Marion, .Ic wishes information concerning the relative Robert Reynolds, a veteran of the Mexican who was an inmate of the Northwestern Br of the National Military Home at Milwauke Will be run by the CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & Wis., and who was killed by a railway train, One of the boys volunteered to go and say he 9th Minn., Guntown; J. Stapleton, Co. D, 14th | Sr. Paul Railway on Tuesday, August 30; June 6, 1886. He enlisted in Baltimore, March Tuesday, September 20, and Tuesday, October 1, 1848, in a company called the "U. S. Volti-Md., White Oak Swamps; W. Thomas, Co. B, 11, 1857, to all prominent land points in North- | geurs," and was discharged at New Orleans, 9th Pa. Cav., Atlanta; H. M. Wells, Co. D. 50th ern Iowa, Western Minnesota, Dakota and Ne- July 17, 1848. He was a native of Ireland,

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statistic and the state of the

Surgeon, 48th Wis., is Austin, Minn., where he is a member of the Pension Examining Board. The writer asks for the addresses of the following: H. J. Pratt, James Bullis and Thos. D. Fisher, all of Co. B, 48th Wis.; Cornelius Mowers, Capt. Robert Hathaway, First Lieut. Geo, Hardinbrook and Second Lieut. Wright. all of Co. F, 78th N. Y.; also William Rozelle. Wm. W. Dunham, H. J. Curtis and Joseph Lamp, all of Co. G. 3d Wis.

Random Shots. John T. Lewis, Co. G. 1st N. J., Atlantic City, N. J., correcting "Cui Bono," says that Gen. Kearny assumed command of Heintzelman's Division in April, 1862, just before its departure second battle of Mechanicsville, as there was a | to engage in the Peninsular campaign. Gen. brisk engagement at that place May 24, 1862. Kearny's first command was the First New He thinks that Maj. O'Brien is wrong in saying | Jersey Brigade, in August, 1861, which he rethat Col. Farnsworth, who commanded a body | tained until April, 1882. The brigade was of cavalry on the right, was afterward killed at composed of the 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th N. J. The

Wm. Stahl, Ithaca, Mich., referring to the statement of Comrade Harris that the 63d tysburg was E. J. Farnsworth, a nephew of the | Pa. was in 28 battles, says that he heard Gen. Bill " Gibson say that the 49th Ohio participated in 43 different engagements, and everybody knows that "Bill" Gibson never tells a Robert Smith, Hawley, Minn., would like to receive from some comrade the words of the

song, "Marching Through Georgia." He would

be glad if some of the Twenty-third Corps

would write an account of what they saw at

the arrival of the Union soldiers who had just tail to carry out the sentence. He would be been released from rebel prisons. G. L. Gilbert, Co. B, 20th Conn., New Haven, Conn., says Comrade Carver, 55th Ohio, was certainly mistaken when he said that at no time did the 20th Conn. belong to the Third Kau., wishes the comrades of his regiment | Brigade, Third Division, Twentieth Corps. He would get up a Reunion, as he never has heard | says the regiment did belong to that brigade, that they have held one. He would be glad to and was in the front at Peach Tree Creek. The

H. C. Schofield, Co. F, 179th N. Y., Box 199, Dundee, N. Y., gives an account of the execufor some 13 sick soldiers, with directions to get | tion of the men near Hancock Station, Va., them out of the way so that they would escape as described by several correspondents. He capture. The writer took them in ambulances | says there were two hung for desertion, and to New Creek. He desires, for an important they belonged to the 180th N. Y. They were

brigade was composed of the 20th Coan., 26th

on videt duty and deserted their post. John Hogan, Sergeant, Co. D., 33d Ohio, Portsmouth, O., says the First Brigade, First Regimental Surgeons who knew his father, Division, Fourteenth Corps, originally consisted of the 2d and 33d Ohio, 10th Wis. and 38th Ind. Later, the 94th Ohio, 88th Ind., 21st Wis., 104th glad to hear from any of his old comrades of Co. Ill. and 15th Ky. were added to it. On the M. 11th Ill. Cav., and expresses the hope that Atlanta campaign if was commanded by Gen. the survivors of that regiment will hold a Re- Hobart, formerly Colonel of the 21st Wis. Gen. Carlin commanded the division, and not that brigade. The writer does not think that the E. N. Henderson, Eagle Bend, Minn., won-

dors if all the members of the 8th N. Y. H. A. shortly before the second battle of Bull Run. are dead. If not, he would like to hear from any of them, especially members of Co. F, by mail or through THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE. Harry C. Burns, Co. H. 14th Pa. Cav., Pittsburg, Pa., says that his regiment, with others, received accessions of drafted men and substito hear from First Sergeant Isador Castnar, tutes. He speaks a good word for them, and John Urban and Geo. Wolfe, all of Co. L. 13th | says that many of them were just as brave and Pa. Cav. He thinks that Urban lives in Wayne | faithful in the discharge of their duties as any Co. Pa., and Wolfe in Grand Tower, Ill. He of the volunteers. He thinks they should would also like to hear from any of his com- stand on an equal footing with the volunteers. rades who were in Libby Prison with him in | William Shephard, Co. D, 42d Ind., Boonville, Ind., would like to hear from members of

C. L. Patton, Co. B. 39th Ind., or 8th Ind. Cav., says he has never seen anything in regard to his regiment, and he thinks it worthy of mention. It was mustered into the service Aug. 29, 1861, and was immediately sent into the field for active service, participating in all the campaigns of the Army of the Cumberland, and marching to the sea with Sherman. Silas T. Sherman, Co. H. 13th Wis., Jessup.

Neb., thinks it would be a good plan if a permanent record could be made of the names and addresses of surviving soldiers. Moving on Richmond. F. L. Rockwood, Felt's Mills, N. Y., says he does not wish to provoke a controversy, but he

thinks he can furnish conclusive proof that

Col. D. M. Evans, 20th N. Y., was the first to

plant the flag upon the Confederate Capitol at Richmond. John A. Hubbell, Co. C. 26th Mich., Ovid, Mich., thinks Comrade Fisher, Macon, Mo., in speaking of the shooting down of the oak tree by musket-balls at Spottsylvania, is in error when he says the Third Brigade, Second Division, Sixth Corps, was at that point between 6 and 7 o'clock. The writer says he knows the First Brigade, First Division, Second Corps, was there at that time, and charged and captured send his address to Cardington, O., Box 212, he | the ground with a large number of prisoners.

troops of the Second Corps. Wm. H. S. Berry, Co. K. 14th Ind., Mecosta, Mich., replying to Comrade Jones, says the Third Brigade, Third Division, (corps not stated,) charged at the "bloody angle" at them, if living, can have the book by address- Spottsylvania early in the morning, capturing a large number of prisoners and 14 pieces of artillery. Capt. J. F. Douglas, Co. K, 14th Ind., turned one of the guns and fired upon the enemy. The 14th Ind. lost 118 men almost in less time than it takes to tell it.

The Last Fight. E. H. Stewart, Co. B. 1st Wis. Cav., Hamilton, Ill., thinks Comrade Kent is right about the last battle of the war, namely, Irwinsville, Ga., May 10, 1865, at the time of the capture of "stretches the blanket" at both ends in regard to the number of men engaged. The writer says Col. Harndon, 1st Wis. Cav., had Delphos, Kan., wishes the address of anybody | 65 men, and Col. Pritchard, 4th Mich. Cav.,

S. Hathaway, Warsaw, Mo., says that Com-Schofield Barracks Dec. 26, 1864, suffering rade Barger is correct in regard to the battle of Columbus, Ga., which he thinks was the last of while a member of Co. A, 64th Ill. He went | the war. It took place at 10 o'clock on the home, was reported a deserter, and has never | night of April 16, 1865. The assault on the been discharged. He is a mental imbecile, but rebel works by the 3d Iowa Cav. was led by feels keenly the charge of desertion, and Gen. John W. Noble, of St. Louis. It was a daring charge, and was completely successful. COMMON SENSE TRUSS CO., 38 State St., Chicago, III.

D. W. McKenzie, Co. D. 11th Ill., Hermitage, Mo., agrees with Serg't-Maj. Conover, 130th Ill., in regard to the charge at Fort Blakely, April 9, 1865. The writer says the 11th Ill. reached Spanish Fort on the 1st of April, and was in the rifle-pits from that time until the day of the charge. He gladly concedes great credit to the colored troops which participated

that charge. Any one desiring to stir up the SEND 25 CENTS FOR TRIAL BOX. that A. J. Smith's men were ever in reserve. J. A. Stewart, Co. G, 67th Ind., Paoli, Ind., insists that the Sixteenth Corps had nothing to do with the capture of Fort Blakely. He says it was stormed and taken by the Thirteenth Corps.

The Atlanta Campaign. Henry C. Vaughn, Co. E, 24th Ky., Mulberry foundry a few miles southeast of Cassville, Ga. during the Atlanta campaign. It was done by a detachment of some 400 men from the 103d Ohio, 63d Ind., 65th Ill. and 24th Ky., under the direction of an Aid-de-Camp, Lieut. Cough-

Comrade Harris, Co. E, 141st N. Y., Eden. Dak., thinks it was the First Brigade, First Frank Delany, Co. C, 60th N. Y., Fort Plain N. Y., corroborates the statement that the flag

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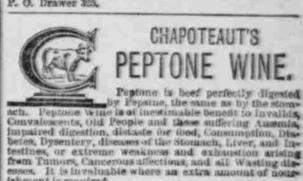
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